

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-8 and 11-16 are pending. Claims 1-5, 9, 10, and 17-24 have been canceled.

Claims 12-16 have been allowed. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 7 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were said to be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 7 and 11 have been written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 7 and 11 are considered to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 6 and 8 were said to be allowable if written in independent form and if written to overcome the rejection under section 112. Claims 6 and 8 have been written in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and have been amended to overcome the rejection under section 112, as explained in more detail below. Therefore, claims 6 and 8 are considered to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 18, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 2, 18, 19 and 20 have been canceled. Therefore, this rejection will not be discussed.

Claims 6, 8 and 18-22 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 18-22 have been canceled and thus will not be discussed. As for claims 6 and 8, the applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Claim 6 was said to be indefinite because of the phrase "may be." This phrase has been changed to "is."

Claim 8 was said to be indefinite because it was unclear whether "data storage" was intended to be "data storage device." In claim 8, "data storage" has been changed to "data storage device."

Claims 2-5, 9, 10, and 17-24 were rejected under 35 USC 102 or 35 USC 103. Claims 2-5, 9, 10, and 17-24 have been canceled; therefore, these rejections will not be discussed.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested because the amendment is considered to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions arise, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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